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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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DAO CONTRUCTION PROJECT

REF: STATE 196163

FOR A/SY/FO; LT. MICHAEL HOFF, NSU

1. AMBASSADOR APPROVES PHASE I OF PROJECT PROVIDED SY/FO CONFIRMS DIRECTLY WITH A/FBO THAT THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO ADDITIONAL FLOOR LOAD IN DAO SPACE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. AMBASSADOR CONTNUES TO RESERVE OPTION TO SUSPEND PROJECT IF SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS DEVLOP DURING PHASE I WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY DISRUPT EMBASSY OR CAUSE DIFFICULTIES UNFORESEEN AT THIS TIME.

2. FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND AS PHASE I BEGINS:

A. EMBASSY HAS NO OBECTION TO RESIDENT SEABEE PERSONNEL PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE. POST EMPHASIZES, HOWEVER, THAT TDY SEABEES CANNOT EXPECT DIRECT SUPPORT, SUCH AS LABOR FROM RESIDENT SEABEES AS THEY ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO POST REQUIREMENTS.

B. BECAUSE OF SEVERE HOUSING SHORTAGE IN MOSCOW, THERE WILL BE NO GOVERNMENT HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR SEABEES OR OTHER TDY PERSONNEL. THEY WILL HAVE TO STAY IN LOCAL HOTEL.

3. EMBASSY ALSO URGES THAT CAREFUL STUDY AND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MEANS OF TRANSPORTING 42,000 LBS., TO MOSCOW AND TO METHOD OF MOVING MATERIALS TO 10TH FLOOR OF CHANCERY. FOR

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EXAMPLE, BY FLYING MATERIAL DIRECTLY INTO MOSCOW, RATHER THAN

USING TRUCKS FROM HELSINKI, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE CONSIDERABLY SOVIET OBSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES. SHIPMENT BY PLANE HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE TO BE VIA AMBASSADORIAL SUPPORT FLIGHT (WHICH REQUIRES AMBASSADOR TO BE ABOARD) AND MIGHT REQUIRE SPECIALLY CONFIGURED USAF 707 IF FULL AMOUNT IS TO BE HANDLED AS ONE MOVEMENT. CURRENT SUPPORT FLIGHTS UTILIZE C-141 WITH WEIGHT CAPACITY OF 11,000 LBS., INCLUDING PASSENGERS.

4. AMBASSADOR IS NOT PREPARED TO APPROVE PHASES II AND III PENDING SATISFACTORY AND AGREED TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. STOESSEL

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